

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-81 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-81 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1-81 are presently in front of the Appeals Board.

Reconsideration of the present Appeals Brief is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Appeal Brief

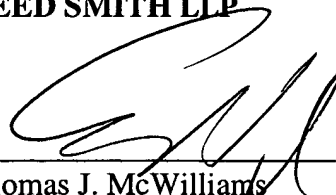
The Examiner has reminded Applicant to specifically reference not only the independent claims, but also the dependent claims to the specification. Therefore, Applicant has amended the Appeal Brief previously submitted on February 22, 2005 and submits herewith an amended version of said Appeal Brief outlining in detail, where specific references to the dependent claims can be found in the specification.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the reasons set forth herein, and a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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